

SOMETHING NEW IN MEDICINE.

### Alimentation and Other Diseases Cured by the Sting of Insects.

From the Providence Journal.

Dr. Desmarais, of Bordeaux, France, has introduced into his practice an extraordinary medical remedy for the cure of certain diseases, which is attracting much attention from those who have heard of it for the first time. It is a well established fact in medicine that one disease may be cured or prevented by inoculation with the virus of another. It is not equally well known that similar maladies may be cured by causing insects to sting the parts affected. Dr. Desmarais has carried on his experiments on venomous inoculation for fifteen years, and therefore does not speak without experience. He has tried his plan on plants and animals with similar results. Plants inoculated with the virus of a certain animal poison produce some cryptogamia on different parts of their surface; and a second inoculation with another animal poison cleared the plants of these parasitic growth, and of the insects which they had attracted. It has long been a tradition in medicine that leprosy can be

and it is well known that poisonous

Drugs are freely administered as powerful alternatives in certain diseases. Dr. Humboldt, a nephew of the great naturalist, has reported that the natives of the Amazon, who are afflicted with a disease that the poison of the scorpion was a remedy for yellow fever. He inoculated over two thousand men of the military and naval garrison; more than six hundred afterwards were attacked with the fever, of whom not more than sixteen died.

A distinguished Frenchman, M. Desparin, related the following incident to Dr. Desmaris: He had long been afflicted with rheumatism, which was attended with great suffering. One day while picking a handful of weeds in his garden he was bitten on the wrist by a snake. The arm swelled, but the rheumatic pain disappeared. The next day he ceased the new remedy to be applied to the seat of pain in his leg, and he was again freed from suffering, and he has never since been troubled with the subsequent reappearance of the malady for the last three years he has been cured by similar means. Other cases are also recorded where a hopeless case of cholera in a man, and an epileptiform cholera in a child were cured by the same means. It is also stated that in certain diseases of the eye can be cured by the sting of a wasp or bee. Dressings and ice leeches have long been used in pharmacy; and we are told that the Mexicans, an important command of the army, were once repulsed in battle with him, developed in a white cloth, and certain insect to cure him of the eye disease to which he was subject.

Modern Inventions for the Million.  
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Among the ingenious and convenient inventions that New York can furnish the following may be enumerated:

*The Bachelor's Kettle*, flat in structure and capable of boiling a quart of water over a burning shell of firewood, ready for use, etc., before the owner is out of bed.

*Spirit Stoves and Spirit Kettles*, very portable and compact, using spirits of wine or "methylated" spirit for fuel.

*The Asbestos Fireplace*, in which the asbestos glows like the sun itself in a little jet of gas, lights up and warms an apartment with all the effects of an open fireplace and cooks food, the asbestos retaining unscathed and ready for use again and again.

*The Asbestos Range*, gas conserving, boiling, gas kettles, stands; air and gas broilers, and water dish heaters, the application of which is indicated by the names, all come under the same category of neatness, expedition and cheapness.

*The Asbestos Stove*, *Asbestos*, lined with felt, which cooks or keeps very cold things consigned to it, as may be desired.

*The Bachelor's Oven* enables the lone laborer to bake, fry and boil, at pleasure in any space and with a penny worth of fuel.

*The Minute Condenser*, an English invention, is no bigger than a baby's rattlesome, yet will cook anything not too bulky for it, in any way.

*The Salamander* is a pleasurable chieftain where there is gas, and is a first rate portable kitchen.

*The Enas* lights its own fire, boils water, makes both tea and coffee at the

The *Two Speculators and Ten Floats* are familiar. They spend the tea in the pot or even in the cup, and as boiling water is poured over the herb, almost instantly give you a delicious cup of tea from the bottom of the pot.

The *Three Mages* is a little wicker silver cup to hold the tea water is put into a teapot full of cold water. A tiny spirit lamp under the pot does the boiling, and when the beverage is ready it pours out of itself, into a teacup placed beneath the spout.

With this self-adjusting tea apparatus we suspend our list, for the present, to resume it and add many curious things in an ensuing number of our paper.

**The Jealousy of Girls.**

Girls, too, are awfully jealous of each other. I should call this the girl's kind of sin. I think it is. See when they are introduced, or when they first meet at a ball or request party; see how coolly and critically they look at each other, how insolently their eyes rove over every portion of their rival's dress; read in their faces the outspoken scorn as they say to themselves, "You think you have done it very well, but I have made more of myself, and I am much better than you!" Watch their disdain of the more admired among them; and how excessively naughty for attracting so much attention they are to the eyes or Amy or Mary. "You young men are so silly!" How bold she is!—how over-dressed she is!—how affected she is!—and, oh! how ugly she is! Sometimes if they are deep, they will covisease her enthusiastically; but the rule is generally too transparent to deceive any one who has eyes. "You are so beautiful, so clever, fine that doesn't answer. It is quite a study to watch the way in which girls shake hands together, or take hands in dances. The limp, cool, imperious way in which they just touch palms and then let their hands fall—so paralytically tell a man to go home alone to read the lettering."—*Every Saturday*.